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Egypt

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25 February 1947

SUBJECT

Arab Bureau Closing

DATE REPORT

28 February 1947

ORIGIN

Cairo

DISSEMINATION

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1. On 23 February the Mufti <sup>has reported</sup> disclosed that the Arab Bureau Offices in Jerusalem, London and Washington will be closed shortly. The reason reported for the closing is that the bureau, headed by ~~Muhsin~~ <sup>Mustafa</sup> Alami of Palestine, is dominated by Iraq and Alami refuses to operate under the direction of the Mufti.

2. <sup>Arab</sup> During January 1947 Alami visited Egypt and was advised by the League of Arab States that in order to coordinate Arab activity, the Mufti and the Arab High <sup>Commission</sup> were to direct and control the activity of the Arab Bureau. Accusations were made at the time that the bureau justifiably attacked the Jews and the United States but seldom ever criticized British policy. Largely financed by Iraq, the bureau, according to the Mufti, was actually dominated by the British. It was also stated that ~~Ahmed~~ <sup>Mustafa</sup> Alami, director of the ~~League~~ <sup>Arab</sup> bureau, complained to the Mufti that Alami forced him to agree not to criticize British policy unless first clearing for approval.

3. Alami objected to the demands that he answer to the Mufti and proceeded in mid-February to Iraq where he consulted Nuri Said. The latter is reported to have reiterated his confidence in Alami, advised him not to alter his position and proved that Iraq would continue to provide the necessary backing. Unwilling to back down in view of Nuri Said's support, Alami returned to Cairo in ~~late~~ <sup>early</sup> February and announced that he is departing for London and Washington shortly to launch a propaganda campaign. The Mufti's ultimatum, however, still stands and it is believed that the Mufti will insist upon the closing of the offices unless Alami acknowledges that he is responsible to the former.

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